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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, CH, CA, AS

SUBJ: CHINA WHEAT PURCHASE PROSPECTS

1. IN CONFIRMING THE SALE OF 500,000 TONS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT TO PRC FOR DELIVERY JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 1977, AUSTRALIANS TOLD CANADIANS IN CANTON THAT AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD EXPECTS TO BE INVITED TO RETURN TO PRC TO DISCUSS SALE OF AN ADDITIONAL 500,000 TONS OF WHEAT FOR DELIVERY IN THE LAST HALF 1977.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL STATED THAT CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING BEFORE DECEMBER 1 TO DISCUSS 1977 WHEAT SALES. OFFICIAL STATED THAT CANADIAN WHEAT SALES TO PRC IN 1977 EXPECTED TO EXCEED AUSTRALIAN SALES BY AT LEAST 10 PERCENT.

3. CEROIFOODS OFFICIAL TOLD USLO OFFICER IN CANTON THAT IN 1976 EXPORTS OF CHINESE RICE EQUALLED OR SLIGHTLY SURPASSED WHEAT IMPORTS. NO QUANTITIES OR DESTINATIONS OF RICE EXPORTS
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